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SUBJECT: CONTINUING REACTION TO CABINET FORMATION

REF: (A) NICOSIA 659 (B) NICOSIA 680 (C) NICOSIA 0693

1. DISPUTE CREATED BY FORMATION OF NEW CABINET BETWEEN
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CLERIDES' DEMOCRATIC RALLY (DR) AND PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) CONTINUES TO SIMMER (REFTELS A
AND B). MOST RECENT EXCHANGE BEGAN WITH CLERIDES'
WITHDRAWAL FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL MARCH 14. HE
ANNOUNCED THAT PRIOR TO NAMING OF CABINET THERE
HAD BEEN TOP LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN DP AND DR WITH
A VIEW TO "FRATERNIZING" THE TWO PARTIES. CLERIDES

ASSERTED THAT KYPRIANOU HAD AGREED NOT TO NAME PARTY
CADRES TO CABINET AND AGREED TO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
ON COMPOSITION OF CABINET, (REF C).

2. DP POLITICAL BUREAU RESPONDED MARCH 16 DENYING THAT
THERE HAD BEEN ANY DISCUSSIONS AT ANY LEVEL ABOUT
MERGER OF THE TWO PARTIES. DP ACKNOWLEDGED CONTACTS
HAD TAKEN PLACE IN SEPTEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, BUT SAID THESE HAD COME TO
NOTHING IN VIEW RALLY'S UNACCEPTABLE DEMANDS FOR END
TO PURGE OF CIVIL SERVANTS ASSOCIATED WITH 1974 COUP
AND FORMATION OF RIGHT-WING CABINET. KYPRIANOU ALSO
ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING THAT HE HAD GIVEN
ANY PROMISES TO ANYBODY ABOUT THE FORMATION AND
COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

3. DR ISSUED AREJOINDER SAME DAY ALLEGING TALKS
HAD BEEN HELD BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN AUGUST TO
SEEK WAYS OF COOPERATION AIMED AT UNIFICATION.
ACCORDING TO THIS STATEMENT NOW-FONMIN ROLANDIS AND
KYPRIANOU-BACKER ANDREAS PHILIPOU REPRESENTING THE
DP AND DR TOP OFFICERS YIANNAKIS MATSIS AND LEANDROS
ZACHARIADES CONDUCTED THE CONSULTATIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE DP HAS BEEN CLEARLY STUNG BY
THE RALLY'S REVELATIONS; HOWEVER IT REMAINS TO BE
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SEEN TO WHAT EXTENT THE RALLY WILL BE ABLE TO
CAPITALIZE ON THE DP'S EMBARRASSMENT.
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